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## Keep Those Big Mouths Shut

This nation today needs a calm, collected and courageous approach to foreign problems. Neither noisy sword-rattling nor weak-kneed appeasement will produce the answers to those problems. Theodore Roosevelt's long-ago advice to speak softly and carry a big stick remains good advice today.

As it is, there is too much irresponsible sounding off. A lawmaker shoots from the hip and scares half the chancelleries of the world. A political officeseeker jabbars about a domestic "reign of terror" lowering American prestige abroad—and prestige is indeed lowered as a result of his silly charge. A blabbermouth boastfully spills secret information to show how "tough" we are.

Two articles in the Saturday Evening Post this month told about the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. They had been prepared with the obvious encouragement and collaboration of the CIA.

These articles told how the CIA spends hundreds of millions of dollars abroad in underground activities, how American agents engage in sabotage and espionage behind the Iron Curtain and how the United States engineers conspiracies to overthrow Red or otherwise unsatisfactory governments. It even acknowledged that many persons arrested by Red regimes as American spies actually are spies.

This is rich meat for the Communist "peace" propaganda machine and the Reds currently are making the most of it. And think how it must increase the problems of foreign regimes which the United States clandestinely has helped establish. Worse still, think what an invitation it provides for the arrest of more Americans as "spies"!

The authors of the article and the Post are not to blame. They were merely doing a good job of reporting. But the CIA never should have permitted publication of such details of its operations. In having done so, it played right into the Reds' hands.